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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION raising the awareness regarding Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Whereas, One in 12,000 to 15,000 births results in a baby diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), the most common known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity;

Whereas, It is estimated that approximately 75% of those who have PWS in the United States are undiagnosed and unknown to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA);

Whereas, The good health and well-being of those with PWS, whether born with it or acquired through brain injury or trauma, are enhanced as a direct result of efforts to raise awareness about the syndrome;

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Whereas, It is incumbent upon the citizens of Indiana to work together as a people and as a state to increase research into understanding the syndrome, to advocate for effective screening, life-saving educational efforts in schools, medical institutions and establishments, and residential facilities, and to support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments as well as the creation of more medical centers and residential facilities to care for those with PWS;

Whereas, Indiana is pleased to join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role that families and advocates of those who have Prader-Willi Syndrome play in helping the medical community advance the fight against this syndrome; and

Whereas, The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA) and its chapters and affiliates provide superb programs, services, advocacy, and research support: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives calls upon
- 2 government officials, businesses, communities, health care
- 3 professionals, educators, volunteers, and all the people of Indiana to
- 4 continue our strong commitment to advancing awareness of and finding
- 5 a cure for Prader-Willi Syndrome.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Prader-Willi
- 8 Syndrome Association (USA).

